

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The action by the Examiner of this application, has been given careful consideration. Following such consideration, claims 1-14 have been amended to define more clearly the patentable invention Applicants believe is disclosed herein. This amendment is presented according to "Revised Amendment Practice" (37 C.F.R. 1.121), effective July 30, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the claims in their present form, together with the following comments, and allow the application.

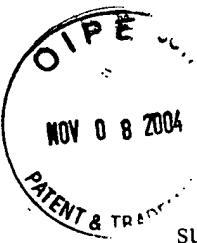
The title of the invention has been amended to read "CONVEYANCE APPARATUS FOR USE WITH CARRIAGES" to more clearly reflect the scope of the present invention.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1-14 because of the phrase "characterized in that" does not conform with standard U.S. practice. Claims 1-14 have been amended such that "characterized in that" has been deleted and has been replaced by the term "wherein".

Claims 1 and 4-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 and 4-14 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has stated that claims 1-14 would be allowable if re-written or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and the claim objections set forth in the Office Action. It is believed that the foregoing amendments overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and describe the present invention with greater particularity and clarity. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the 35 U.S.C. 112 (b) rejections.

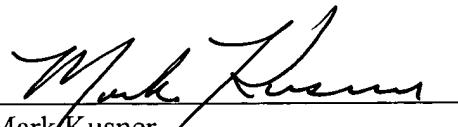
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes there are any further matters that need to be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.



If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0537, referencing our Docket No. MM7445PCT(US).

Respectfully submitted,

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